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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2003 with a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 5, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks: